running contracts in these commodities no new position should be allowed to be taken. Only squaring up positions should be allowed.

(b) FMC has prescribed various regulatory measures such as limit on open position, daily margins, limit on daily price variation etc. to ensure orderly trading in the futures market. Besides, the Government has introduced Forward Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2006 in the Lok Sabha on 21.03.2006. The Bill, *inter alia*, seeks to enhance the regulatory powers of FMC in order to empower it to regulate the Commodity Futures Market in a more effective manner.

(c) No thorough study of this nature has been done in the recent past. The production of onion during the year 2005-06 increased to 82.3. lakhs MTs from the level of 75.15 lakh MTs in the previous year. However, prices of onion and other vegetables are subject to fluctuations on account of a variety of factors such as seasonality of production, perishability, exports etc.

Complaints regarding irregularities in foodgrains distribution system

†1236. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people benefited in different States from Antyodaya Anna Yojana during the last two years;

(b) the details of the amount of foodgrains lifted under this scheme, State-wise during the last two years;

(c) whether the fixed quantity of foodgrains is indeed reaching to the targeted groups of people and whether any study has been conducted to find out this;

(d) whether the different State Governments have received complaints regarding irregularity in the foodgrains distribution system and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps being taken by Government for redressal of such complaints?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) A Statement is annexed as per Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) A Statement is annexed as per Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Programme Evaluation Organization of Planning Commission (PEO) and ORG Marg, New Delhi have conducted studies on Performance Evaluation of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Evaluation study of TPDS and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) respectively.

In their March, 2005 report, the PEO has reported that the Foodgrains leakage (as a percentage of offtake of BPL quota) through ghost card is 16.67% and at Fair Price Shop is 19.71% (all India basis). The main reasons for leakages are that implementation of TPDS is plagued by targeting errors, prevalence of ghost cards and unidentified households and siphoning off of foodgrains from the supply chain.

As per the September, 2005 report of the ORG Centre for Social Research, New Delhi diversion of wheat and rice is 53.3% and 39% respectively at the all India level.

(d) and (e) The PDS is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and State Governments. The Central Government has taken the responsibility for procurement, storage, transportation and bulk allocation of foodgrains, etc. The responsibility for effectively distributing the same to the consumers through the network of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) lies with the State Governments. The State Governments are responsible for identification of beneficiaries, issue them ration cards and distribute foodgrains through Fair Price Shops (FPSs) scattered all over the country. The chances of irregularities can not be ruled out. However, when ever a complaint is received by the Central Government, it is forwarded to the concerned State Government for necessary remedial action.

The PDS Control (Order) 2001 stipulates periodical review of functioning of the PDS by the State Governments and to furnish the outcome thereof. These reports are examined by the Central Government and necessary instructions in consonance with the order are issued to the State Governments from time to time. The Government of India are also holding National/Regional Level Conferences with the State Food Ministers and Food Secretaries from time to time to ensure smooth working of the PDS.

Statement-I

The number of people benefited in different States from Antyodaya scheme during last two years as on 22.2.007.

(Fig. In Lakhs)

Sl.No	States/UTs	2005-06	2006-07	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.242		3.242
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.079		0.079
3	Assam	2.760	1.430	4.190
4	Bihar	5.003	9.131	14.134
5	Chhattisgarh	1.496		1.496
6	Delhi			
7	Goa	0.035		0.035
8	Gujarat	1.561	1.661	3.222
9	Haryana		1.109	1.109
10	Himachal Pradesh		0.789	0.789
11	J&K	0.542	0.322	0.864
12	Jharkhand			
13	Karnataka	2.497		2.497
14	Kerala		2.384	2.384
15	Madhya Pradesh		3.120	3.12
16	Maharashtra			
17	Manipur	0.249		0.249
18	Meghalaya	0.135	0.146	0.281
19	Mizoram	0.055		0.055
20.	Nagaland	0.099		0.099
21	Orissa	2.428	2.632	5.060
22	Punjab	0.671	0.406	1.077
23	Rajasthan	3.629	1.924	5.553
24	Sikkim		0.066	0.066
25	Tamil Nadu	7.461		7.461
26	Tripura			
27	Uttar Pradesh	8.522		8.522
28	Uttarakhand	0.382	0.367	0.749
29	West Bengal	2.887		2.887
30	A&N Islands			
31	Chandigarh			
32	D&N Haveli	0.009	0.015	0.024
33	Daman & Diu	0.009		0.009
34	Lakshdweep			
35	Pondicherry	0.129		0.129
	TOTAL	43.880	25.502	69.382

Statement-II

Allocation and Offtake of Rice and Wheat for the Year 2005-2006 (P) under TPDS

(In '000 Tonnes)

		Allotment				Offtake				%Offtake			
		BPL	APL	AAY	Total	BPL	APL	AAY	Total	BPL	APL	AAY	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	AP	1 086 13	2,266.74	620.247	3973 116	1101.87	1507.07	608.56	3217.5	101.449	66.486	98.116	80.98
2	Ar. P	28.56	69.75	12.936	111 246	25 52	43.25	12.4	81 17	89.356	62.007	95.857	72.96
3	Assam	625.416	955 14	175.104	1755.66	595 48	444.58	181.09	1221.15	95.213	46.546	103.419	69.56
4	Bihar	2,166.65	2,291.52	472 533	4930 704	672.01	25.55	421.06	1118 62	31.016	1 115	89.107	22.69
5	Chhattisgarh	532.812	1,045.80	254.82	1833.432	536.803	52.25	229.189	818.242	100.749	4.996	89.942	44.63
6	Delhi	148.464	996.516	23.316	1168.296	145.19	302.61	22.15	469.95	97.795	30.367	94.999	40.23
7	Goa	10.221	118.296	5.739	134.256	3.804	6.103	2.447	12.354	37.217	5.159	42.638	9.2
8	Gujarat	618.063	2,787 56	258.785	3664.412	471 11	178.29	192.34	841 74	76.224	6.396	74.324	22 97
9	Haryana	242.516	1,014.20	86.056	1342 776	195 25	18.07	76.89	290 21	80.51	1.782	89.349	21 61
10	HP	116.648	348 9	62 284	527 832	95 56	179.07	55.6	330 23	81 922	51 324	89.269	62.56
11	J&K	220 335	447 72	88 749	756 804	225.77	346.96	73.09	645 82	102 467	77.495	82.356	85.34
12	Jharkhand	700.224	216 3	305 268	1221 792	380 91	21.16	282.63	684 7	54 398	9 783	92.584	56 04
13	Karnataka	876.317	2,035 01	407 752	3319 083	875 69	877.57	378.35	2131 61	99.928	43 124	92.789	64.22
14	Kerala	*445 56	1,808 94	207 088	2461 588	436 973	323.932	200.722	961 627	98 073	17 907	96.926	39 07
15	M P.	1,195 32	2,535 37	534 141	4264 828	1217 046	153.02	509.58	1879 646	101 818	6 035	95.402	44 07
16	Maharashtra	1,91447	4,700 88	829 836	7445 184	1647 21	127.48	736.41	2511 1	86 04	2.712	88.742	33 73

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
17	Manipur	36.566	47.46	23.078	107.104	33.93	14.89	13.96	62.78	92.791	31.374	60.491	58.62
18	Meghalaya	53.568	45.024	23.292	121.884	54.7	22.61	22.72	100.03	102.113	50.218	97.544	82.07
19	Mizoram	18.279	72.02	10.401	100.7	17.65	55.89	10.01	83.55	96.559	77.603	96.241	82.97
20	Nagaland	35.817	102.4	16.263	154.48	35.61	94.66	16.44	146.71	99.422	92.441	101.088	94.97
21	Orissa	1,261.91	1,155.56	434.785	2852.256	797.408	109.77	450.493	1357.671	63.191	9.499	103.613	47.6
22	Punjab	164.067	1,473.24	32.469	1669.776	71.11	8.84	18.24	98.19	43.342	0.6	56.177	5.88
23	Rajasthan	593.382	2,763.76	340.018	3697.156	469.57	204.17	300.57	974.31	79.135	7.387	88.398	26.35
24	Sikkim	14.076	25.812	4.164	44.052	14.05	24.04	4.32	42.41	99.815	93.135	103.746	96.27
25	Tamil Nadu	1,397.70	3,787.98	644.679	5830.356	1391.6	1663.797	657.63	3713.027	99.564	43.923	102.009	63.68
26	Tripura	95.364	179.232	28.536	303.132	92.77	66.96	28.53	188.26	97.28	37.359	99.979	62.1
27	U.P.	2,945.11	6,494.46	1,539.69	10979.252	2560.263	40.166	1438.289	4038.718	86.933	0.618	93.414	36.79
28	Uttaranchal	162.413	333.552	46.759	542.724	166.282	53.316	34.615	254.213	102.382	15.984	74.029	46.84
29	West Bengal	1,447.97	4,089.18	562.571	6099.72	1294.459	1029.41	454.3	2778.169	89.398	25.174	80.754	45.55
30	A&N Islands	7.428	36.36	1.8	45.588	1.81	15.79	0.53	18.13	24.367	43.427	29.444	39.77
31	Chandigarh	8.748	75.516	0.888	85.152	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
32	D&N Haveli	5.192	7.14	1.528	13.86	1.67	0.89	0.72	3.28	32.165	12.465	47.12	23.67
33	Daman&DIU	1.236	9.42	0.444	11.1	0.44	0.15	0.22	0.81	35.599	1.592	49.55	7.3
34	Lakshadweep	0.372	3.36	0.168	3.9	0.47	2.98	0.33	3.78	126.344	88.69	196.429	96.92
35	Pondicherry	22.862	13.2	12.25	48.312	12.53	5.2	7.91	25.64	54.807	39.394	64.571	53.07
	TOTAL	19,199.75	44,353.33	8,068.43	71,621.51	15,642.52	8,020.49	7,442.34	31,105.35	81.473	81.083	92.24	43.43

Allocation and Offtake of Rice and Wheat for the Year 2006-2007 (P) (upto December) under TPDS

(In '000 Tonnes)

Sl. No	States/UTs	Allotment				Offtake				%Offtake			
		BPL	APL	AAY	TOTAL	BPL	APL	AAY	TOTAL	BPL	APL	AAY	Total
1	AP	789.066	1,645.69	490.716	2925.473	794.193	1107.12	494.634	2395.944	100.65	67.274	100.798	81.9
2	Aru. P	19.143	46.236	11.979	77.358	15.638	33.19	8.91	57.738	81.69	71.784	74.38	74.64
3	Assam	357.525	706.338	220.662	1284.525	360.886	526.992	199.067	1086.945	100.94	74.609	90.214	84.62
4	Bihar	1,523.56	1,024.09	472.599	3020.244	313.793	6.64	406.313	726.746	20.596	0.648	85.974	24.06
5	Chhatisgarh	362.266	629 063	219.764	1211.093	346 126	23.964	206.969	577.059	95.545	3.809	94.178	47.65
6	Delhi	111.348	504.899	17.487	633 734	110.145	265.25	17.164	392.559	98.92	52.535	98.153	61.94
7	Goa	4.095	69.095	4.581	77.771	3.04	9.93	2.69	15.66	74.237	14.372	58.721	20 14
8	Gujarat	398.769	1,145.96	213.012	1757.742	365.598	79.392	200.134	645.124	91.682	6.928	93.954	36.7
9	Haryana	169.008	398.467	78.689	646.164	153.235	2.517	74.04	229.792	90.667	0.632	94.092	35.56
10	HP	37.15	231.224	56.109	324.483	36.889	175.491	57.448	269.828	99.297	75.897	102.386	83.16
11	J&K	154.653	355.79	77.16	587.603	161 305	266.789	72.549	500.643	104.301	74.985	94.024	85.2
12	Jharkhand	525.168	142.001	228.951	896.12	309.848	10.415	220.743	541.006	59	7.334	96.415	60.37
13	Karnataka	575.52	1,196.42	367.039	2138.975	563 122	645.79	348.371	1557.283	97.846	53.977	94.914	72.81
14	Kerala	303.69	1,204.87	185.766	1694.325	297.284	267.158	185.584	750.026	97.891	22.173	99.902	44.27
15	M.P.	795.69	837.016	485.889	2118.595	774.656	111.587	455.493	1341.736	97.357	13.332	93.744	63.33
16	Maharashtra	1,43 31	1,812.97	624.915	3871.202	1200.324	123.76	540.673	1864.757	83.745	6.826	86.519	48.17
17	Manipur	36.414	30.621	15.885	82 92	31 536	10.594	13.873	56.003	86.604	34.597	87.334	67.54
18	Meghalaya	40.131	33.442	17.514	91 087	39.997	28.259	17.131	85.387	99.666	84.502	97.813	93.74

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
19	Mizoram	13.23	29.602	8.19	51.022	13.23	30.834	8.19	52.254	100	104.162	100	102.41
20	Nagaland	24.084	57.378	14.976	96.438	29.111	55.206	17.988	102.305	120.873	96.215	120.112	106.08
21	Orissa	874.583	632.797	397.936	1905.316	522.645	101.481	348.222	972.348	59.759	16.037	87.507	51.03
22	Punjab	103.671	521.999	43.731	669.401	45.144	33.122	24.472	102.738	43.545	6.345	55.96	15.35
23	Rajasthan	447.49	1,066.28	288.277	1802.046	386.344	105.635	257.378	749.357	86.336	9.907	89.281	41.58
24	Sikkim	9.633	19.394	4.047	33.074	4.3	6.83	1.78	12.91	44.638	35.217	43.983	39.03
25	Tamil Nadu	944.424	2,816.47	587.358	4348.248	761.482	1144.09	581.711	2487.278	80.629	40.621	99.039	57.2
26	Tripura	71.523	129.65	21.402	222.575	59.32	87.959	18.324	165.603	82.938	67.843	85.618	74.4
27	U P	2,075.24	3,006.59	1,290.14	6371.974	1436.07	219.419	1030.164	2685.653	69.2	7.298	79.849	42.15
28	Uttaranchal	137.373	243.54	54.368	435.281	98.597	68.745	32.43	199.772	71.773	28.227	59.649	45.89
29	West Bengal	1.133.67	2,620.86	466.263	4220.79	836.361	632.533	381.57	1850.464	73.775	24.135	81.836	43.84
30	A & N Islands	3.78	16.112	1.35	21.242	2.23	12.33	0.65	15.21	58.995	76.527	48.148	71.16
31	Chandigarh	1.879	25.995	0.666	28.54	0.21	NA	0.07	0.28	11.176	NA	10.511	0.98
32	D & N Haveli	3.817	4.957	1.223	9.997	2.54	1.52	0.38	4.44	66.544	30.664	31.071	44.41
33	Daman & DIU	0.783	6.656	0.477	7.916	0.41	0.2	0.35	0.96	52.363	3.005	73.375	12.13
34	Lakshadweep	0.235	2.67	0.122	3.027	0.24	1.43	0.06	1.73	102.128	53.558	49.18	57.15
35	Pondicherry	16.173	37.4	10.161	63.734	10.19	1.16	5.76	17.11	63.006	3.102	56.687	26.85
	TOTAL	13498.09	23,252.53	6979.41	43,730.04	10,086.04	6,197.32	6,231.29	22,514.65	74.722	26.652	89.281	51.486